

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS
Substantive Policy No. SP-038-PHS-VRS**

ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF DEATH CERTIFICATES

R9-19-405 identifies the persons to whom a certified copy of a death certificate may be issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). This substantive policy is to inform the general public of ADHS's current opinion regarding the meaning of the term "other vital interest" used in R9-19-405, thereby reducing confusion about the meaning of the term.

For the purpose of R9-19-405, "other vital interest" includes a funeral director or person acting in that capacity who:

1. Has an interest regarding the estate of the deceased in connection with business matters involving the deceased, and
2. Can show proof of interest and the need for a copy of the death certificate.